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SUBJECT: NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) AERIAL
SURVEILLANCE FOR TUNA ENFORCEMENT

REF: SAN JOSE 918

1. THE EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SUGGESTION IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTTEL THAT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF THE U.S. TUNA FLEET FOR ENFORCEMENT OF NEW RESTRICTIONS ON PORPOISE KILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THE CANAL ZONE (HOWARD AFB). SUCH FLIGHT OPERATIONS MIGHT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOP THROUGH REPORTS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY (SUCH AS COSTA RICA) OR THROUGH DISCOVERY BY THE PANAMANIAN THEMSELVES. THIS KNOWLEDGE WOULD REHEAT THE VOLATILE KETTLE OF GOP SENSITIVITIES ABOUT USG AVIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE CANAL ZONE. THE EMBASSY ONLY RECENTLY RESPONDED TO A FORMAL PROTEST OVER AN ALLEGED OVERFLIGHT OF A PANAMANIAN MILITARY RESERVATION BY A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT, AND THE GOP'S LATEST PROTEST ABOUT MILITARY CHARTER FLIGHTS USING COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT IS PENDING IN WASHINGTON. IF ASKED BY THE GOP ABOUT THE RELEVANCE OF NMFS FLIGHTS MONITORING THE U.S. TUNA

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FLEET TO THE OPERATION AND DEFENSE OF THE CANAL, THE EMBASSY POSITION THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY IN USG AVIATION ACTIVITIES IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE OBJECTIVES WOULD BE WEAKENED.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ANY PLANS TO OPERATE SUCH FLIGHTS FROM THE CANAL ZONE AT LEAST BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW CANAL TREATY HAVE BEEN

CONCLUDED.

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